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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
GROUP ART UNIT 1644**

Docket No. 56040-B/JPW/GJG

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yaakov Naparstek
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Filed : April 4, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1644
For : PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT OF SYSTEMIC
LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS AND METHODS OF
TREATING SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2004 FINAL OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 20, 2004 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 20, 2004 Final Office Action was originally due March 20, 2005. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time from March 20, 2005 to June 20, 2005. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is \$1,020.00 and a check in that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension of time, a response to the December 20, 2004 Final Office Action is now due June 20, 2005 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows: